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# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Work activity around the state was consistent with last week's activities. The days suitable for work was 6.8 days, up 0.4 days from last week's mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are healthy for the most part, but some areas are having trouble.

## Field Crops Summary

Temperatures around the state this week were a little higher than normal. Harvest for grain continued, while farmers are getting their fields prepared for seeding the upcoming fall grain. There has been much concern due to the dry weather around the state. Dry land farmers are waiting for the much needed moisture before they will plant the fall grain. Corn continues to grow steadily; condition reports indicate that this year's crop is good. Second crop alfalfa is complete, while third cutting is in full swing. Irrigation continues to be a major part of this year's production layout around the state.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock reports out of Cache County indicate that the beef and dairy producers have been fighting pneumonia in their cattle because of the variations in the temperatures from high to low; a 40 degree swing over the past week was not uncommon. Some producers are preparing to bring their livestock home from the summer ranges due to the hot temperatures and dryer weather.

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending August 20, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	35	34	NA	13
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	20	20	NA	10

### Crop Progress for Week Ending August 20, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	18	10	12	17
Barley Harvested (Grain)	81	55	67	77
Oats Harvested (Grain)	59	35	60	57
Spring Wheat Harvested	76	54	62	68
Winter Wheat Harvested	88	70	82	85
Corn Dough Stage	48	19	26	33
Alfalfa Third Cutting	59	17	31	37
Other Hay Cut	94	91	97	99
Peach Harvested	39	19	26	27
Pears Harvested	9	NA	NA	2

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 20, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	6	8	32	47	7
Corn	0	2	14	62	22
Sheep	0	0	14	77	9
Cattle/calves	0	0	13	72	15

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 20, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	36	55	0
Subsoil	3	37	60	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	19	68	6
Stock water supplies	1	27	71	1